

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 27, 2011

The North Providence School Committee met on April 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano and Attorney Carroll. Mr. Scungio, Dr. Donoyan, Mr. McNamee, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Milazzo were present for the regular session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to go into open session at 6:00 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).

The Chair reported that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received. Next, the Chair moved the Student Recognition up on the Agenda.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Student Recognition.

Members of the Boys Basketball Team received recognition as Division II State Champions Division II Team Sportsmanship Award recipients. Members of the Committee offered congratulations.

Members of the Wrestling Team received recognition as Division I South State Champions. Members of the Committee offered congratulations.

Members of the Hockey Team received recognition as Division III State Champions. Members of the Committee offered congratulations.

Members of the Boys Swim Team received recognition as Division III State Champions (Sixth Year in a Row). Members of the Committee offered congratulations.

Next, the President of the Council, Kristin Catanzaro, along with Council members Brady, Autiello, and Lynch recognized the members of the teams for their accomplishments and presented citations to the coaches.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.

No comments were received.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the March Monthly Financial Report be approved as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-03-03. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the March Monthly Financial Report be approved as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, nay, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5-2.

2. Home Schooling Requests.

No home schooling requests were received.

3. Field Trip Requests.

Dr. Donoyan asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the Field Trip Requests as submitted and in accordance with School Committee Policy. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 11-04-03. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the field trip requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Grant Utilization Report.

Dr. Donoyan explained the Grant Utilization Program and read highlights of the report, including the number of employees (approximately 20 people) who are grant-funded. Members of the Committee asked questions. The Chair thanked Dr. Donoyan for all her hard work.

VI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

2. Superintendent's Contract.

The Superintendent's Contract was also moved up on the Agenda. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Reall to approve the Superintendent's Contract for two years, including the rollover year. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, nay, Mr. Palmieri stated that on the advice and consent of counsel, he would not make any comments and voted nay, Mrs. Picard, nay, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 3. Members of the audience gave the

Superintendent a standing ovation.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

5. Technology Committee Presentation – District Website.

Dr. Donoyan first recognized the members of the Technology Committee. Next she presented the District Technology Plan and spoke about it being a daunting task. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments. The Chair thanked Dr. Donoyan for the report.

6. Early Retirement Reinsurance Program Presentation.

Mr. McNamee spoke about the potential savings of the program and explained that it is on a first-come, first served basis. He asked for approval to move forward with the Program. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta to accept the recommendation of the Interim Finance Director for the Early Retirement Reinsurance Program. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Ms. Leva asked for more information on the Program.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. The Chair announced that the Performance Audit Report would be continued.

3. Next on the Agenda was the Superintendent's Secretary's Contract.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta to approve the Superintendent's Secretary's Contract renewal for 2 years. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Next on the Agenda were the Principals and Assistant Principals Contracts. Mr. Iannetta commended the Administrators for signing the contract and for the 20% co-pay. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Principals and Assistant Principals 2-year Contract with no raises and co-pays going up to 20%. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Technology – Mr. Palmieri.

This item was already discussed.

6. Hiring Policy – Mr. Palmieri.

This item was already discussed.

7. Crossing Guard Safety Issue – Mr. Marciano.

Mr. Marciano spoke about a brief conversation with the crossing guard at Douglas Avenue and Mineral Spring Avenue regarding the fact that it is a very difficult intersection. He asked Mr. Milazzo to look into it.

8. Activities Fees – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri talked about seeing something in the legislature to pay for sports. He stated that he is totally against charging any fees for any sports and that it is totally ridiculous. Members of the Committee agreed and offered comments and concerns with the concept.

9. Creation of Policy Subcommittee – Mr. Marciano.

The Chair appointed a Policy Subcommittee consisting of Mr. Palmieri, Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Reall to review all of the policies and report back to the Committee.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE.

No requests were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

No Bids were received.

2. Consideration of Resignations; Retirements; Leaves of Absence; Dismissals; Layoffs; Non-Renewals; Layoff Rescissions; Appointments/Other.

A. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Richard Gagnon – Secondary Science Teacher – NPHS – Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective April 4, 2011 through May 27, 2011; Richard Gagnon – Secondary Science Teacher – NPHS Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence Effective May 30, 2011 through June 1, 2011; Kym Hambly – 7/8 Grade English/Language Arts Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Extension to an Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence Effective March 28, 2011 through April 15, 2011; Kalena Santilli – 7/8 Grade Mathematics Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Paid FMLA Leave Effective May 31, 2011 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year; and Mary Wojcik – Elementary

Teacher – Grade 1 – Centredale Elementary School Paid FMLA Leave Effective March 17, 2011 through May 13, 2011. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-04-07. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

B. Resignations.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the resignation of Alicia Lisi – Special Education Teacher – Ricci Middle School Effective at the end of the 2010/2011 School Year; and Kathleen Lisi – Booster Club Advisor – NPHS Effective at the end of the 2010/2011 School Year. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-04-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee accept the resignations as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

C. Appointment Change.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Appointment Change for Judie Berlinsky – Whelan School/Preschool Evaluations/Preschool Team Appointment to 1.0 Effective April 28, 2011. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-04-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the Appointment Change as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

D. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

No layoffs/non-renewals were presented.

E. Tenure

No tenure requests were presented.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 11-04-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted and subject to Mr. Milazzo's approval and the Building Subcommittee's approval. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi that from here on in, everything goes through Mr. Milazzo's supervision and then through the Building subcommittee and that the \$3,000.00 invoice for the Birchwood Field be held until the Committee approves it. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of April List of Bills

as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-04-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the April 2011 List of Bills in the amount of \$969,011.51. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-04-13. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the March 21, 2011 and March 23, 2011 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-04-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2011 Special North Providence School Committee Meeting with the corrections outlined by Ms. Leva regarding the Audit, the

March 23, 2011 Regular North Providence School Committee Meeting, the April 5, 2011 North Providence School Committee Budget Workshop, the April 7, 2011 Special North Providence School Committee Meeting With the North Providence Town Council; and the April 11, 2011 North Providence School Committee Budget Workshop as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.

Public comments were received.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

No pending business was discussed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Picard and the entire Committee and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Margie Caranci,
Recording Secretary of the North Providence
School Committee**

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: